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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report is submitted in the context of actions taken by the Security Council regarding good offices, preventive diplomacy and post-conflict missions, on the basis of requests from Governments and/or recommendations of the Secretary-General.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 54/250 of 23 December 1999, approved a provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions, under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001. As noted in section VIII of General Assembly resolution 54/251 of the same date, the current utilization of the provision for special political missions amounts to $55,363,100, leaving an unallocated balance of $35,024,100.

The present report contains proposed resource requirements of two political missions pertaining to matters of which the Security Council is seized, whose mandates have recently been approved. The total estimated requirements amounting to $6,154,600 would be charged against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions. As a consequence, the total charge against the provision for special political missions would amount to $61,517,700, leaving an uncommitted balance of $28,869,500.

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I. Introduction

1. The purpose of the present report is to seek funding during the biennium 2000-2001 for two political missions relating to actions taken by the Security Council on the basis of requests from Governments and/or recommendations of the Secretary-General.

II. United Nations political presence

2. The paragraphs below contain background information on two post-conflict missions of which the Security Council continues to be seized and regarding which the Security Council calls on the Secretary-General to provide the necessary support for the peace process during the biennium 2000-2001.

A. United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau ($2,723,300)

3. In response to the needs of Guinea-Bissau and the request of the Security Council for recommendations on a possible role for the United Nations in the process of peace and reconciliation in Guinea-Bissau, the Secretary-General proposed, in his letter of 26 February 1999 to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/232), the establishment of a United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS). In a letter of 3 March 1999 (S/1999/233), the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General that the members of the Council had welcomed his proposal. By its resolution 1233 (1999) of 6 April 1999, the Security Council expressed its support for the decision of the Secretary-General to establish UNOGBIS. The initial mandate of UNOGBIS was from 15 April to 31 December 1999. Requirements for this period were met from the commitment authority granted to the Secretary-General by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 (a) of its resolution 52/223, of 22 December 1997, on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1998-1999, which were approved in the context of the final budget appropriations for the biennium 1998-1999.

4. In a letter dated 9 December 1999 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/1252), the Secretary-General proposed that, pending the second round of presidential elections expected to be held in the second half of January 2000, and following consultations with the transitional Government, the mandate of UNOGBIS be extended for three months until 31 March 2000. In his letter of 14 December 1999 (S/1999/1253), the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General that the members of the Security Council had taken note of the proposal. Requirements for this period ($557,200) have been met from the commitment authority granted to the Secretary-General by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 (a) of its resolution 54/252 of 23 December 1999 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2000-2001, and will be reported in the context of the first performance report of the biennium 2000-2001.

5. The Secretary-General, in his letter of 3 March 2000 (S/2000/201), informed the President of the Security Council that the new constitutional authorities in Guinea-Bissau expressed their appreciation, as had the transitional Government before them, for the role of UNOGBIS as well as the United Nations system as a

whole in contributing to the restoration of peace and normalcy to Guinea-Bissau. In response to the request of the new President for an extension of the mandate of UNOGBIS, the Secretary-General proposed that UNOGBIS be extended for one year, from 1 April 2000 through 31 March 2001. The renewal of the mandate would enable UNOGBIS to continue to lend the political cooperation and support of the United Nations to the complex tasks relating to the consolidation of the country's recent democratic gains in order to achieve long-term peace and respect for the rule of law and human rights.

6. In a letter dated 10 March 1999 (S/2000/202), the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General that the members of the Security Council had taken note of the Secretary-General's intention.

7. The estimated requirements for UNOGBIS for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001 ($2,723,300) are detailed in annex I to the present report.

B. United Nations Peace-building Support Office in the Central African Republic ($3,431,300)

8. The Secretary-General, in his letter of 3 December 1999 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/1235), reported the main observations and recommendations of a multidisciplinary mission he had dispatched to Bangui in November 1999 to examine, with the Government of the Central African Republic, the conditions for the maintenance of the United Nations presence after the withdrawal of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) on 15 February 2000. After several meetings with the Prime Minister and a small group of his Ministers and a meeting with the President, the Government agreed on the establishment of a post-MINURCA presence. The primary mission of this presence would be to support the Government's efforts to consolidate peace and national reconciliation, strengthen democratic institutions and facilitate the mobilization of international political support and resources for national reconstruction and economic recovery. Accordingly, the Secretary-General proposed to the Security Council the establishment, initially for one year, of a United Nations Peace-building Support Office in the Central African Republic (BONUCA).

9. In a letter of 10 December 1999 (S/1999/1236), the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General that the members of the Council had taken note with appreciation of the proposal of the Secretary-General.

10. The estimated requirements for BONUCA from 15 February 2000 to 14 February 2001 ($3,431,300) are detailed in annex II to the present report.

III. Estimated requirements arising from activities of the Security Council

11. The total costs of the two activities described in the preceding paragraphs are estimated at $6,154,600. Details of the cost estimates for UNOGBIS and BONUCA, together with the pertinent supplementary information, are contained in annexes I and II, respectively.

12. The following table depicts the staffing requirements of each mission by level.

	Professional category and above												
	USG	*D-2*	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	***Total***	*Field Service*	*General Service*	***Total international staff***	*Local level*	***Grand total***
United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau													
Current	-	1	-	1	2	3	-	7	2	3	12	8	20
Proposed	-	1	-	1	4	2	1	9	2	4	15	13	28
United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Central African Republic													
Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed	-	1	-	1	4	1	2	9	6	3	18	24	42

13. In addition, there are two military advisers and one civilian police adviser attached to UNOGBIS, and three military advisers and five civilian police advisers for BONUCA.

IV. Action required from the General Assembly

14. **The General Assembly is requested to approve the charge of the total requirements of $6,154,600 against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001. Consequently, the total charge against the provision for special political missions would amount to $61,517,700, leaving an uncommitted balance of $28,869,500.**

Annex I

United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau

Cost estimates for the period from 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001

A. Summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of apportionment	*15 April to 31 December 1999*		*1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001*[1]	
	Appropriation	*Expenditure*	*Total requirements*	*Non-recurrent costs*
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	13.3	12.0	92.5	-
2. Other costs pertaining to military personnel	-	-	50.0	-
Total, category I	**13.3**	**12.0**	**142.5**	**-**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	-	-	44.5	-
2. International and local staff	1 084.6	746.2	1 911.9	-
Total, category II	**1 084.6**	**746.2**	**1 956.4**	**-**
III. Operational requirements				
1. Premises/accommodation	105.7	99.3	94.9	-
2. Transport operations	-	12.1	206.4	138.0
3. Air operations	265.5	265.5	-	-
4. Communications	348.3	114.8	170.2	94.2
5. Other equipment	40.7	24.8	113.1	96.1
6. Supplies and services	30.0	28.8	34.8	-
7. Air and surface freight	43.1	35.9	5.0	-
Total, category III	**833.3**	**581.2**	**624.4**	**328.3**
Total requirements	**1 931.2**	**1 339.4**	**2 723.3**	**328.3**
IV. Voluntary contributions	**-**	**115.6**	**68.3**	**-**
Total	**1 931.2**	**1 455.0**	**2 791.6**	**328.3**

[1] Provision for the period 1 January to 31 March 2000 was made through the Secretary-General's commitment authority on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2000-2001.

B. Supplementary information

Military personnel costs

Estimate: $142,500

1. Mission subsistence allowance is provided at the rate of $118 per day for two military advisers ($82,600). Their emplacement and repatriation travel is provided at a cost of $4,750 per person ($9,500). The military advisers will receive clothing allowance at the standard rate of $200 per person per annum ($400).

2. Provision is also made for potential claim arising from death or disability of military and civilian police advisers ($50,000).

Civilian personnel costs

Estimate: $1,956,400

Civilian police

3. Provisions are made for the mission subsistence allowance ($39,500) for one civilian police adviser. Travel costs ($4,800) and clothing allowance ($200) are provided.

International and local staff

4. Provisions ($1,244,500) are made for the staffing of 15 international (1 D-2, 1 P-5, 4 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2, 2 Field Service and 4 General Service) and 13 local staff. Changes are proposed in the composition of the international staff by the addition of a Legal Officer (P-4), an Information Officer (P-4), a Political Affairs Officer (P-2) and one international General Service staff member. The position of an Electoral Assistance Officer (P-3) is no longer required. International staff costs assume a vacancy rate of 15 per cent and reflect non-entitlement to post adjustment of 60 per cent of Professional and Field Service staff who are mission appointees. A vacancy rate of 10 per cent is applicable to local staff costs.

5. Mission subsistence allowance for international staff is calculated at the rate of $118 per day ($549,100). Travel costs ($111,100) are provided for the travel of the Representative of the Secretary-General to New York for consultations and briefings, as well as trips within Guinea-Bissau and the region by the Representative and other staff. Overtime payment is estimated at $600 per month ($7,200).

Operational costs

Estimate: $624,400

Premises

6. The United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS) is charged $10.27 per square metre per month for the 453.79 square metres of office space it occupies in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) complex, amounting to $55,900 a year. The UNOGBIS share of the

maintenance costs of the common premises, including security, cleaning and utilities, is $38,000. A provision of $1,000 is made for fuel for two generators owned by UNOGBIS for back-up power supply, at a consumption rate of 100 litres per month per generator at $0.42 per litre.

Transport operations

7. Presently, UNOGBIS has seven vehicles received from the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA), which have high mileage. In view of the road conditions in Guinea-Bissau and the addition of new staff, a provision ($138,000) is made for the acquisition of six new vehicles to augment the current fleet of vehicles. Servicing, repair and maintenance of vehicles are estimated at $300 per month per vehicle ($46,800). Petrol, oil and lubricants are estimated at an average fuel consumption of 300 litres per month per vehicle at $0.42 per litre plus 10 per cent of the fuel cost for lubricants ($21,600).

Communications

8. Most of the communication equipment provided from MONUA now requires constant and extensive repairs. Therefore, provisions ($94,200) are made for replacement of communication equipment and accessories such as VHF repeaters, VHF radios, telephone sets, batteries and chargers, uninterruptible power supply units, antennas and other accessories. The cost of commercial communications, including telephone, facsimile, satellite, INMARSAT and pouch charges, are estimated at $76,000 on the basis of experience.

Other equipment

9. Provisions are made for acquisition and replacement of office furniture ($16,700) and equipment ($29,500). Spare parts, repairs and maintenance of furniture and equipment are estimated at $1,000 per month ($12,000).

10. Requirements for additional data-processing equipment, including six desktop computers, three laptop computers, six printers, a server, two modems and one Internet access router, are estimated at $49,400, including freight. Provisions of $5,000 are made for software licenses for standard packages.

Supplies and services

11. Stationery, office and data processing supplies are provided at $1,000 per month. Provision is also made for subscriptions to local and international papers at $200 per month.

12. Official hospitality is estimated at $200 per month. Provision is made in the amount of $1,500 per month for miscellaneous services, such as bank charges, general insurance, medical examination and other services.

Air and surface freight

13. Provision of $5,000 is made for commercial freight and cartage of supplies and parts from elsewhere and items to be repaired outside the country.

Annex II

United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Central African Republic

Cost estimates for the period from 15 February 2000 to 14 February 2001

A. Summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of apportionment	*15 February 2000 to 14 February 2001*	
	Total requirements	*Non-recurrent costs*
I. Military personnel costs		
1. Military observers	130.2	-
2. Other costs pertaining to military personnel	50.0	-
Total, category I	**180.2**	-
II. Civilian personnel costs		
1. Civilian police	209.9	-
2. International and local staff	2 424.6	-
Total, category II	**2 634.5**	-
III. Operational requirements		
1. Premises/accommodation	96.4	6.0
2. Transport operations	113.4	33.4
3. Communications	146.7	9.4
4. Other equipment	15.7	-
5. Supplies and services	56.4	-
6. Air and surface freight	3.0	-
Total, category III	**431.5**	**48.8**
IV. Other programmes		
1. Public information programmes	29.1	-
2. Training programmes	156.0	-
Total, category IV	**185.1**	-
Total requirements	**3 431.3**	**48.8**
V. Voluntary contributions	-	-
Total	**3 431.3**	**48.8**

B. Supplementary information

Military personnel costs

Estimate: $180,200

1. Mission subsistence allowance is provided at the rate of $113 per day for three military advisers ($111,600). Their deployment and repatriation travel is provided at a cost of $6,000 per person ($18,000). The military advisers will receive clothing allowance at the standard rate of $200 per person per annum ($600).

2. Provision is also made for potential claim arising from death or disability of military and civilian police advisers ($50,000).

Civilian personnel costs

Estimate: $2,634,500

Civilian police

3. Five civilian police advisers will receive mission subsistence allowance at the rate of $113 per day ($178,900). Deployment and repatriation travel is provided at the rate of $6,000 per person ($30,000). Clothing allowance is based on a standard cost of $200 per person per annum ($1,000).

International and local staff

4. The proposed staffing comprises 18 international staff (1 D-2, 1 P-5, 4 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 P-2, 6 Field Service and 3 General Service) and 24 Local level staff. Salaries and common staff costs are estimated at $1,702,200. Vacancy rates of 10 and 5 per cent are applicable to international and local staff costs, respectively. Staff costs are also based on the assumption that 60 per cent of Professional and Field Service staff would be mission appointees, and therefore, not entitled to post adjustment.

5. Mission subsistence allowance for international staff is calculated at the rate of $113 per day, amounting to $668,200. Travel costs, estimated at $54,200, relate to official travel of the Representative of the Secretary-General to New York for consultations and briefings and visits paid by the Representative and other staff to countries in the region for meetings with government officials.

Operational costs

Estimate: $431,500

Premises

6. The United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Central African Republic (BONUCA) is accommodated in a six-villa compound in Bangui. The rental cost for the premises is $3,800 per month, totalling $45,600 per year. Minor alterations and renovation of office space are estimated at $12,600, including the construction of an emergency exit on the eastern side of the compound, installation of 500 metres of

concertina wire and installation and wiring of 10 500-watt floodlights, as required by the United Nations Security Coordinator. Provision of $6,000 is made for maintenance supplies and $6,000 for maintenance services for routine and preventive maintenance of the premises.

7. Utility charges are estimated at $1,000 per month. In addition, provision of $14,200 is required for fuel and lubricants for one 75 kVA generator, two 16 kVA generators and one 50 kVA generator, which are used as a back-up power supply for the six-villa compound, at the consumption rate of 34 litres per hour for 2 hours running time per day at $0.57 per litre.

Transport operations

8. A total of nine 4x4 vehicles and one sedan have been transferred from the United Nations Mission in Central African Republic (MINURCA) to BONUCA. In addition, there is a requirement for two light buses at a unit cost of $14,500, plus 15 per cent of the cost for freight ($33,400).

9. Spare parts, repairs and maintenance costs ($43,200) are estimated at an average rate of $300 per vehicle per month. Petrol, oil and lubricants ($31,700) are calculated at a fuel consumption rate of 400 litres per vehicle per month, at $0.50 per litre, plus 10 per cent of the total fuel consumption for oil and lubricants. Provision for vehicle insurance is made at the rate of $430 per vehicle per annum ($5,200).

Communications

10. Most requirements for communications equipment are met through the transfer of equipment from MINURCA. There is, however, a need to purchase three INMARSAT Mini-M terminals, at a unit cost of $2,725. Therefore, a provision of $9,400 including freight is made. Requirements for spare parts and supplies are estimated at $8,100.

11. Commercial communications include an INTELSAT transponder lease ($80,000); INMARSAT charges ($13,000); cellular phone charges ($7,200); local and long distance phone and facsimile charges ($17,000); and postage and pouch charges ($12,000).

Other equipment

12. A provision of $10,300 is made for spare parts and maintenance of the four generators transferred from MINURCA on the basis of 20 per cent of the cost of the generators. License costs for standard software packages are estimated at $5,400.

Supplies and services

13. Contractual arrangements for security services at the compound are provided at a cost of $2,000 per month ($24,000). Official hospitality is requested at $200 per month ($2,400). Other miscellaneous services include a provision for medical evacuation ($5,000) and other services such as bank charges, garbage removal and sewage services ($6,000).

14. Stationery and office supplies are estimated to cost $7,600. Data processing supplies are provided at $6,000. Provisions of $5,400 are proposed for sanitation

and cleaning materials, medical supplies, subscriptions, electrical supplies and other miscellaneous supplies.

Air and surface freight

15. Provision of $3,000 is made for commercial freight and cartage costs relating to supplies and parts not covered elsewhere.

Other programmes

Estimate: $185,100

Public information programmes

16. Provisions ($29,100) are made for publication and dissemination of documents and reports and production of radio programmes concerning the promotion and protection of human rights. Other activities include exhibit and special events on days of international and national importance relating to the protection of human rights.

Training programme

17. Requirements of $156,000, comprising costs of consultants, resource persons and travel of participants ($70,300), training equipment ($17,800), training supplies and materials ($11,500) and miscellaneous services ($56,400), are provided for training programmes for local military and law enforcement officials, parliamentarians, penitentiary officials, members of non-governmental organizations and members of the National Human Rights Commission and other popular organizations.